Airlines collaborations with Indian Private Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent it will effect traffic potential of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is difficult to quantify the extent of traffic potential lost by Air India because of collaboration of foreign carriers with Indian Private Airlines.

Foreign Airlines collaboration with Private Airlines
Tata-Singapore Airlines

5214. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated the 6th April, 1995 under the heading 'BJP to ground Tata-Singapore Airlines';

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in regard thereto;

(c) what are the details of the Tata-Singapore Airlines agreement;

(d) how many aircrafts are proposed to be deployed by Tata-Singapore Airlines; and

(e) what is the extent of loss of revenue likely to be suffered by the Indian Airlines and Air India as a result of the operation of flight by the said Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tata-Singapore Airlines has not been granted permission to establish a domestic airline so far.

(c) and (d) Tata-Singapore Airlines has proposed 40 per cent equity participation by Singapore Airlines and permission to operate 7 aircraft in the first year. The number of aircraft are porposed to be increased progressively to 20.

(e) In the event of Tata-Singapore Airline commencing operations, the domestic scheduled airlines including Indian Airlines and to a lesser extent, Air India will have to face competition. Content of loss can not be quantified at this stage.

Revival of flights between Hyderabad and Tirupathi

5215. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines will revive its flights between Hyderabad and Tirupathi;

(b) if so, the expected schedule; and

(c) if not, whether Indian Airlines is neglecting important pilgrimage and commercial centres?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Most of the pilgrimage/commercial places are already connected by air. At present Indian Airlines is facing acute shortage of operating crew and as such is not in a position to consider introduction of service between Hyderabad-Tirupati. However, once the crew position improves, Indian Airlines will consider to introduce its services on this route subject to traffic potential and availability of aircraft.